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# FRIENDS OF THE ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PRESIDENT, FOL

## Greetings Friends!

For most of us, it is that time of the year when we begin to look forward to the annual Friends' Book Sale. It's the event that many use as their opportunity to fill their bookshelves for a year of reading. And, of course, it is when our wonderful volunteers mobilize to set up the Civic Center for the book sale and then work the sale as greeters, counters and cashiers. But there is a special group of volunteers that have been working year-round.

The Monday after Book Sale Week, volunteers are already accepting book donations at the Main Library for next year's sale. Once they reach the library, usable books go through an initial sorting and are then placed on book carts. The carts are then taken downstairs, where the books are sorted by category and placed on shelves. Once enough books in one subject are received, volunteers put them in boxes, label and tape them, and stack the boxes. Eventually, additional volunteers transport these boxes to offsite storage. There they will wait until the next year's sale. Again, all this work is being done by volunteers throughout the year. Many thanks to these dedicated people!

I spoke last newsletter about many of the online offerings from our library, and but I wanted to say more about the varied programming available at our three branches. For example, for kids and teens, did you know that programming includes:

1. Baby Steps, Lapsits and Toddler Time, which is preschool programming involving storytelling, music and activities.
2. Play and Learn, which includes sensory activities for infants
3. Evening Storytime and Super Storytime, for all ages
4. Family Fun and Make and Take, for craft making
5. Science Club
6. Lego Club
7. Collective Comma Writing Club, for older kids and teens
8. Minecraft Club, based on a hugely popular computer game
9. Anime Club, for teens and young adults
10. Teen Flix and Teen Scene After Hours
11. A new maker space, called the "Creation Station" for folks who like all sorts of creative activities, from sewing to 3-D printing

And so on. This is only some of the programming for kids and teens. And did you know that there are additional newsletters (besides this one!) which will tell you more about your library programming? You can pick up a copy of "Bibliofiles" each month at any library location for a complete rundown. Or look for "Events and Programs" on the library website home page, click "Newsletters", and you can get a digital copy. Or just visit any library location, and your library staff will be happy to help you out.

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President, FRIENDS of the APL

## Save the Dates!

The book festival will be **SEPTEMBER 17-23**, beginning on a Sunday with the local author reception at the South Branch. We'll have lunch programs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Main Library downtown. On Thursday, we're combining the Culinary Luncheon and the Boots & Books Luncheon into one Books & Books Culinary Luncheon, and it will be at the Hunter Welcome Center on the ACU campus. Emerald Cassidy and Karen Turner are co-chairing that event. The recipes for the luncheon will come from our featured cookbook author's new "Big Country Cookbook".

And we will present the A.C. Greene Award to Jeff Guinn of Fort Worth, author of about 20 books – both fiction and non-fiction. His latest book is about Jim Jones and the Jonestown massacre in the 1970s. A few years ago he had one on Charles Manson, and before that The Autobiography of Santa Claus. Thursday night will be the Texas Cookbook Gala at the Abilene Country Club, our major fund-raiser of the week. On Saturday we'll have programs at the library and the NCCIL, serving a box lunch at the NCCIL and recognizing our Ricki Brown Librarian of the Year. We'll have a full day of author presentations from 8 to 2 that will be free to the public.

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A MINUTE OF IT, SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**



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From  
the City  
Librarian

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost upon us as I write this. Of the many exciting things happening at the library we are so happy that we can announce the opening our or Makerspace, which staff has dubbed "The Creation Station", at the Main Library. This new service at Main features equipment that will help you tune into your creative "making" side. We have purchased a 3-D printer, sewing machine, Cricut and Sizzix cutters, a laminator and various hand tools to help you get your project off the ground. We have plans to hold making events going forward, and that will be something to look for in the fall after summer reading.

This year we are focused on Building a Better World as our reading theme. This idea, that we are the builders of our society, environment, social circle, creative outlet, infrastructure, etc. gives us lots of avenues to explore our building interests.

When I was a Girl Scout, many years ago, we were taught to always leave a place better than we found it. This summer reading theme reiterates that sage advice and when we are done reading, and having fun together this summer, our world will be a better one thanks to our interactions with one another.

I hope you have had a chance to get involved with this year's book sale. Each year the Friends do a phenomenal job raising funds for library projects and services. I have had a little more time this year to work with many of the people who contribute to the preparation that goes on year-round before and after the sale – it is a never ending cycle. These generous friends have handled literally horse-trailers full of used books, and continual donations at the Main Library. Their careful sorting and boxing makes the sale go off beautifully. There are always bargains, and I encourage any of you who are curious to come and volunteer a couple of hours sorting books during the year. You might find a few treasures along the way, and an added perk is that you are able to purchase anything that is donated prior to the sale if you are one of the workers who spend time sorting and packing – now there is a bonus to be pursuing for the book lover.

You may have noticed some changes at Main Library in the genealogy and Texas History areas. We are re-arranging and trying to make it easier for you to find and use the books in those collections. If ever you need help locating something that is a favorite tool, please ask our friendly staff for help. As we shift and arrange we are aware that some of you are long time users and might need help finding the new location of particular items like the census books, which are now filed with their states instead of separately. We are happy to help you and hope that when all is done you will enjoy the new layout.

So as ever I thank the Friends for your support of the library and the work of staff. We would be so much less without you. Please take some time this summer to help us "Build a Better World" at the Library.

Sincerely,

*Lori Grumet*  
City Librarian



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CITY LIBRARIAN



TEXAS AUTHOR SERIES  
Johnnie Lou Avery Signing her book  
"MizHat" - March 20, 2017



TEXAS AUTHOR SERIES  
Rachael Caine Signing Book for Kristi Compton  
April 2, 2017



# *This may not be news to you, but the new South Branch at the Mall of Abilene is a roaring success!*

Since opening on November 19th, more than 108,068 people have come through the doors to check out books, attend programs, use the computers, use the study rooms, or just relax and enjoy the space. Folks have had some wonderful things to say about it as well:

“This is much closer to where I live. I like having the library over here. It's very convenient for me.”

“This facility is lovely, so nice and large. And the study rooms are big bonus.”

“I was a little concerned when I heard the library would be moving to the mall. But, it doesn't feel like I'm in a mall at all, which is great. We'll definitely be back.”

“I'm just visiting Abilene, but was pleasantly surprised by the library being in the mall. It's a great idea! I imagine that you all get a lot of business.”

“We used to come to the mall specifically for the play area, but now, my kids want to go to the library first.”

“My 4 year old likes to come to the library to do his ‘work’ on the AWE computers. He'll even remind me if it has been awhile since our last visit.”

“Wow! This is the most people we've seen at a program since we moved here. It was excellent!”

“You guys did a great job organizing the chaos with so many people.”

“I didn't realize what all the library offered. This is great! We just got to meet Belle and now we're going to see the movie.”

“We always have a blast at storytime.

In fact, my kids even play ‘Library’ at home sometimes.”

Since this branch would not exist without YOU, Friends of the Abilene Public Library, please take a moment to pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! And if you haven't yet had a chance to visit the South Branch, do drop by and take a look around – you'll be proud of what you have accomplished for the citizens of Abilene.

Join us on Social Media to find out more about how we serve our community.



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## **Downtown - Main Library**

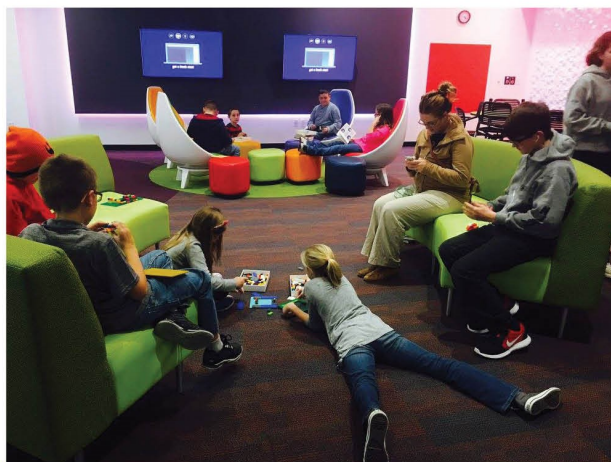
202 Cedar  
(325) 677-2474

## **South Branch Library**

4310 Buffalo Gap Rd., Ste. 1246  
(325) 698-7565

## **Mockingbird Branch Library**

1326 N. Mockingbird  
(325) 437-READ (7323)



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## Summer is fast approaching,

and that means that the 28th annual Friends of the Abilene Public Library Book Sale is nearly here!

The Sale will be at the Abilene Convention Center from June 16 through June 18, with the special preview for Friends members on June 15 beginning at 5 p.m. All proceeds from the sale go directly back into funding for the Abilene Public Library system, helping to support reading programs for children, acquisition of new materials and technologies, and operational expenses. The 2016 Sale was the most successful yet, netting over \$50,000 in proceeds for the Abilene Public Library system, and we are sure that 2017 will be even more successful!

The Book Sale has become a fixture and centerpiece of Abilene yearly events, and we expect the 2017 Sale to be the biggest one ever! The sale features new, used, and donated materials from a wide array of topics, such as Theology, History, Literature, Fiction, Texana, and numerous other categories. Children's books, a particular favorite for many parents and teachers, are one of our top sellers. There will be literally THOUSANDS of selections, all separated and sorted by category, so whatever your particular interest might be, the Book Sale will surely have books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials just for you.

Volunteers, and those interested in becoming volunteers, we can sure use your help! Monday, June 12 will be our annual "Move in Monday", and folks who can assist in this effort can report to the downtown Convention Center at 8:30 AM. Volunteer letters and return cards will be mailed out soon, so make sure and let us know which specific area you have interest in assisting in. If you have any questions on volunteering or regarding the Book Sale in general, please feel free to contact me at tula4@aol.com.

The past four years sales' efforts have resulted in well over \$200,000 in proceeds being raised for the Abilene Public Library system. These sales, coupled with donations with the Friends of the Abilene Public Library and other local donors and foundations, have helped to expand library services all branches, and have helped to fund the recently-opened South library branch at the Mall of Abilene.

Mark your calendars for "Move In Monday", June 12 for set-up and June 15-18 for the sale. If you have questions about the sale, call the library at 325-676-6025, or take a look at our webpage - [www.abilenetx.com/apl/BookSale](http://www.abilenetx.com/apl/BookSale). Come out and join the fun! There is no better gift to give, or to receive, than a book!

**Tim Bench**

2016 Book Sale Chairman

## Library Hours

### MAIN & MOCKINGBIRD:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday - Closed

### SOUTH BRANCH:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR Generous Donors

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- ELIZABETH RANKIN
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## Ricki Brown Librarian of the Year Award

The Friends of the Abilene Public Library has a long and rich history of honoring those involved with books, from authors to those who tirelessly volunteer in service to the library. In 2014, FOL inaugurated the Ricki Brown Librarian of the Year Award.

This award is open for any librarian employed within the city limits of Abilene; hold a Masters of Library Science degree and a membership in a professional library association. Nominees must also meet several criteria:

- encourage reading and the creation of inducements to greater use of books and other library materials and information sources
- demonstrate the value of libraries
- enhance and expand their library service to all areas and constituencies in the community
- promote an accessible and positive climate in the library
- advance community relations; and lastly
- initiate a new library service or program within the past 18 months



Please consider nominating an Abilene Librarian for this prestigious local award. The general public nominations, Self-nominations and nominations by colleagues are invited. Nominations are open through June 15, 2017.

An appointed committee of the Friends of the Abilene Public Library will review nominations and announce the winner at the West Texas Book Festival in September 2017. Recipients receive recognition at the West Texas Book Festival, a \$500 financial award, and their name listed on the Librarian of the Year commemorative plaque at the Abilene Public Library.

Nominations can be submitted online through the Friends of the Library page at [www.abilenetx.com/apl](http://www.abilenetx.com/apl).